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Progress Report on O/RR Field Team

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1. [redacted] and I arrived at [redacted] 13 November. We were met at the airfield by the Chief of [redacted] who assisted in providing us with temporary quarters at the [redacted] [redacted] is currently endeavoring to procure permanent billets for [redacted] 25X1A9a

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2. Our headquarters have been established provisionally at the [redacted] which provided us with adequate office space, supplies, telephone and communication service and some transportation. They have also made their pouch and cable facilities available to us.

3. The following is a list of our activities and contacts since our arrival:

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(a) A call on [redacted] who welcomed the team and offered his full assistance.

(b) [redacted]

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(1) Interrogation Possibilities: Of the eleven defectors now at [redacted] who have reached the interrogation stage, seven are military personnel, the remaining four are economists. The economists are all Czech who were connected with the Ministry of Foreign Trade. They have all been rather thoroughly milked by various economists in the European theater, including the Hicog East-West Trade specialist. One of them received a thorough going-over by [redacted] who has so far failed to furnish his report.

Thus there appears to be very little unexploited economic intelligence potential on tap at this time. Nevertheless we have prepared requirements for either initial interrogation or reinterrogation on seven of these defectors in the hope of extracting every bit of economic information they possess.

(2) Requirements: one of prime worries of [redacted] is lack of adequate guide requirements for use of interrogators prior to the arrival from Washington of specific requirements. They are attempting to work up a combined political, military and economic interrogation guide for this purpose, based on the specific requirements for various cases previously furnished to [redacted] They have welcomed the various sets of guides which we brought with us and feel these will be of considerable assistance to them in the preparation of a preliminary interrogation guide.

We were struck by the amount of duplication in the requirements submitted by the various IAC agencies. Requirements on one Czech foreign

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trade specialist were broken down as follows: ORR--10 pages, Navy--8, OGI--3, OSI--2. All of the requirements were concerned in varying degrees with foreign trade. Requirements from State, OGI, and ORR (D/A and S/TF contributions) were almost identical and were indicative of the widespread intelligence effort going into foreign trade analysis.

25X1A6a ORR analysts should be gratified to know that their requirements for the "50 targets list" are being put to good use. One of the Air Force representatives at [ ] used this guide in his interrogation of a Czech defector who had no apparent potential in the industrial field. Nevertheless this source was able to pinpoint and provide useful information on a considerable number of the targets listed for Czechoslovakia.

25X1A9a (a) A visit with [ ] of OSI who was most helpful in suggesting certain operational procedures and offering his assistance. He cautioned against open collection of information in the theater without [ ] approval. 25X1A6a  
25X1A9a (I will take this up with [ ] sometime this week.) [ ] told 25X1A9a me of some of his sources who have some economic intelligence and promised to refer such sources to this team whenever possible.

25X1A2g (d) REG: This group, which handles the U. S. portion of the [ ] 25X1A2g program has been most helpful and cooperative. They are somewhat skeptical of the potential for economic intelligence which these sources possess but are quite willing for us to go after the information which we (and [ ] believe is there. One problem is that most of the sources 25X1A9a which [ ] desires to have reinterrogated are [ ] 25X1C  
25X1A9a must submit our requirements in writing for [ ] handle. We have taken this up in greater detail in a separate memorandum to [ ] 25X1A9a

It may interest you to know that I am able to assist this operation in making important and sensitive contacts through my business friends.

25X1A6a (e) [ ] We visited this installation on 21 November to inquire about one of their East German guests, an engineer who had worked in the planning organ of the DDR motor vehicle industry. We were invited to interrogate him; however we knew no German, and the case officer was on leave. Therefore we prepared several pages of requirements which the [ ] 25X1A6a officials promised to submit to the source, after which they will advise us of the results and the report numbers.

25X1A9a We then paid a courtesy call on [ ] who handles certain 25X1A6a aspects of economic intelligence collection at [ ] There were two items 25X1A9a on which he had sought assistance from [ ] but fearing that the notes may have gone down with the plane containing Jacques' papers, he repeated his request to us, which we are passing on to you for action.

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(1) [ ] has a series of FDD publications on various Soviet railroad systems. These he finds very useful in his interrogation work. The reports which he possesses are listed below, and he would like any similar reports which may have been published other than those listed:

- a. No. 289. The Brest-Litovsk System, 10 Nov. 1951
- b. No. 290. The Kovel System, 20 Dec. 1951
- c. No. 292. The Kishinev System, 11 Jan. 1951
- d. No. 297. The Kazan System, 2 February 1951
- e. No. 298. The Stalingrad System, 8 March 1951
- f. No. 307. The North Caucasus System, 15 June 1951
- g. No. 309. The Transcaucasus System, 30 July 1951
- h. No. 313. The Ryazan-Ural System, 20 Aug. 1951
- i. Special No. 18. Organization of the Tashkent Railroad System, 29 June 51

25X1A9a (2) [ ] possesses a copy of Balzak, Vasiutin, and Feigin's *Ekonomicheskaya Geografiya SSSR*, 1940, Part II. To the best of his knowledge this is the only copy of Part II available in the original Russian. The Germans translated it, but the translation is believed to be inferior. [ ] 25X1A9a has requested G-2 to arrange for its translation. However, he would like OPR to exert pressure on G-2 to have it translated or to request the book from G-2 for translation by FDD.

25X1A9a We plan to visit [ ] again on 28 November and to maintain a continuing contact with him. Results of our further contacts will be reported as they take place.

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(f) [ ] of OPC has expressed a considerable interest in the arrival of the team and will discuss with us shortly the possibility of making some working arrangements which would be of mutual benefit.

(g) While I already talked to several [ ] personnel since my arrival, 25X1A6a I am planning to see their senior man here sometime this week.

(h) The State Department representatives in [ ]--Francis Stevens, Walter Stoessel, and Scott Lynn (their sole economist)--have extended their invitation to call on them at Bad Hamburg. I have known these people for some time. 25X1C

(i) Further contacts will be reported to you as they occur.

4. Our current problems:

25X1A6a (a) secretarial: very acute but will manage for the present with [ ] help.

(b) transportation: most difficult. As the team will be required to work at widely scattered locations, it will be essential to provide the team with a car of its own. This arrangement will save a great deal of time and certainly will greatly contribute towards efficiency and convenience. I therefore recommend that I be authorized to procure a vehicle for the team

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here [REDACTED] If this meets with your approval please send me a short cablegram through OO authorizing me to spend up to \$2000 for this purpose. With such authorization in my possession I will obtain the necessary funds at [REDACTED] which will in turn collect from OAR at home.

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In the meantime our [REDACTED] hosts, short as they are of transportation, are generously sharing with us their motor vehicle facilities.

(c) ~~Paragraph~~: In selecting reinforcements and, later on, replacements for the team, my recommendation is that the personnel be chosen mainly on the basis of its economic background and experience. Languages are desirable but not absolutely essential for this assignment.

A further recommendation is that for the moment [REDACTED] and I are capable of coping with the task and that we won't need additional "bodies" for a couple of months. This will give you a better opportunity to look around for proper personnel.

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(5) If [REDACTED] report is completed, could you send us a copy for our guidance?

(6) I propose to furnish you with a bi-weekly progress report hereafter.

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